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The true remedy of present evils consists in the practical application of the highest ethical principles, and these are perhaps best found in the Christian religion. There is coming a revival in which we shall have a religion that shall include the whole church, industry, commerce and the whole social fabric.—CARROLL D. WADDEY.

## Another City Election.

Immediately after the recent Supreme Court decisions in the Glen Ridge case were made known a meeting of the oft beaten but never satisfied custodians of Bloomfield was held to determine what next could be done about it. What they decided upon was craftily promulgated in their Mouthpiece last week, in this way: It was announced that there was a popular "demand for another city election" that the people wanted it at once, and, after the usual palaver of the adroit lawyer, the role of the editor voicing public opinion was resumed to say that "this popular demand should be heeded."

Close following upon this manifesto Charles Ferguson, sub editor of the Mouthpiece, has been circulating the petition that "counsel" had prepared for another fake city election, which, they flatter themselves, is bound to keep things mixed up in township and borough "for another whole year." It is proposed now to avoid the blunders of last year's campaign and recognize the existence of the borough. This amended petition is for "a city" comprising the entire township and borough.

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resigning must be in good standing, which Dunraven certainly was not. He could only have been expelled even if his letter had been received. It is to be hoped, however, that incident will not interfere with future cordial relations between British and American yachting people.

**Looking into the Brain.**  
An almost inconceivable little instrument has been invented by which mankind may see into the human brain and actually watch its operations. The instrument is called the cryptoscope. The pulsating of the blood, the vibrations of the nerve force, are as plain through this weird cryptoscope as the foot of a frog is under the ordinary microscope. The value of the invention to mental science and brain surgery can hardly be computed. Blood clot on the brain, tumors, injuries, incipient paralysis and apoplexy can be discerned in time to help the patient if help is possible.

It may be, too, that through this invention the most puzzling problem in cases of insanity may be cleared up. When the insanity comes from positive brain disease, the cryptoscope discloses the fact by the cryptoscope. The man who is perfectly healthy in mind and brain apparently works exactly as the brain of a sane person does, perhaps this little instrument will be able to show physicians what is really amiss. It may be able to show that, after all, the insane brain does not work physically precisely as the sane one.

Most wonderful of all, it may be that by means of this invention man will be able to see how the brain develops a thought. A hypnotic subject in the Paris school said that she saw inside the brain of another person a "gray mist" rising and spreading through his head, first about his forehead, then over the top of his head, next through the base of the skull, and finally reaching the spinal cord. Was that gray mist a thought?

## Rise in Silver.

In January two years ago the price of silver bullion was 70 cents an ounce. Then it began to drop down, down, till it reached a fraction less than 50 cents. At such a price the white metal could no longer be mined profitably. During 1895 most of the mines in Colorado were closed, and the properties and plants fell into decay.

But meantime, although silver mining was comparatively dead during 1895, silver exporting was not. As the mining decreased, the exports, owing to the unprecedented low price, became heavier. These shipments continue. During the month of January they amounted to over \$3,000,000 more than they did in January, 1895.

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**The Late Dr. Pierson.**  
The funeral of Dr. William Hugh Pierson was held from his late residence on Forest Avenue, Glen Ridge, last Saturday afternoon. The service, which was of a very simple but impressive character, was conducted by the Rev. Edward Hale, the Unitarian minister of Orange. By request of the deceased there was no funeral sermon preached.

The exercises consisted of reading the Scriptures, prayer, with a brief address introductory to the reading of Bryant's poem "Thanatopsis," as being indicative of Dr. Pierson's belief in natural religion.

Supplementary to the brief notice published last week, following from the obituary column of The Orange Chronicle will be found interesting:

William Hugh Pierson was the son of Albert Pierson, who was 70 years ago one of the most prominent residents of the town of Orange. William was born in Bloomfield February 1, 1838, the family removing to Orange in the spring of 1832. The father taught school, and when he died in 1851, leaving his charge up to the age of sixteen, when he entered the Washington and Lee College at Lexington, Virginia. His health compelled the youth to leave the college, and he became a student at home and then entered the New York Medical College, from whence he was graduated in 1852. He remained for a year more in the practice of surgery at Princeton, leaving there in 1853 to go to Cincinnati to begin the practice of medicine. In 1856 he returned to Orange, where he set up a good practice and remained until after the breaking out of the civil war, enlisting as volunteer surgeon in the navy in 1861. He was detailed to serve on the "Water Witch," and when that ill-fated vessel was captured by the rebels he was made prisoner. Holding the rank of an officer he was treated with consideration and, finally, having been transferred to Marion, Savannah and Augusta, he was with others exchanged. This in case was brought about largely through the efforts of Secretary of State Seward, who was appointed to the doctor's influential friends here. He rejoined the service, and up to nearly three years after the close of the war, held the post of Surgeon of the monitors at New Orleans.

Dr. William Hugh Pierson was from his earliest boyhood inclined to study, research and invention. It was during his sojourn in Cincinnati that he conceived of the invention of celluloid, and after his return to Orange he began to study with a view of improving it and cheapening its cost of production. His name will remember his little room in Willow Hall, where "the mid night oil" was often seen burning while he was engaged in his studies and inventions. He completed his work, filed his patent claim, which was prior to any other, and went to the war. It was only within the past ten years that he received a decree from the courts substantiating his claim to priority, this being in completion of his contract with celluloid manufacturers, who had bought his rights in the invention under that provision. But like the majority of inventors he received for his invention but a title of what it was worth.

Dr. Pierson was a man of exceeding quiet and retiring disposition, although he made many and lasting friends. He did not seek prominence, and for the most part lived in retirement. While on leave of absence in July, 1866, he was married to Miss Van Lew, of Newark (Oliver Hall) Sonoma County.

The present Cuban revolution began Feb. 9, 1895. The general judgment was then that it was premature and that its suppression by Spain would be only a matter of a few months. But that expectation has been disappointed, agreedly in the minds of all lovers of human liberty. The patriots, with no store of supplies at all, living off the country as they went, suffering incredible hardships, have nevertheless gained step by step nearly every part of the island. The rebels have won the war, for then their friends on the outside could rush in supplies of all kinds to them. In the face of such desperate odds as ever men fighting for freedom had against them the patriots have gained steadily. It is now only a question of whether Spain's purse is long enough to hold out till they are utterly exhausted. If not, then they are sure to win.

The emperor of China has learned something from the Japanese war. The Chinese army fought that war with only one railway in their whole country, and it practically owned by Li Hung Chang. But recently an imperial edict ordered the construction of a railway the whole distance from Peking to Tien-tsin. Evidently the Chinese government does not mean to tear this road up, as it did one built by some foreigners a few years ago.

The death from paralysis of Edgar W. Nye, familiarly known to all the world as "Bull Nye," leaves only two leading American humorists. One of these is Mark Twain, who is probably retained from the field of writing humorous literature to lecture and pay his debts. The other is Charles B. Lewis, "M. Quad," as ready in pathos and general story telling as any humorist writing. No one since Arthur Wing Pinero has reached the same height in the comedy world.

The death of the Holy Communion at 10:30 A. M. Morning Prayer and 7:30 P. M. Evening service will be held at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 2:15 P. M. Young Men's Christian Association, Theological Seminary, 12th and Clark street.

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